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COUNTY BOARD, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS ADJOURNED REGULAR SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2007 SESSION APRIL 8, A.D., 2008

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD:

Your Chairman presents herewith a Resolution proclaiming the week of April 6 - 12, 2008 as National County Government Week and requests its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Schmidt Chairman

Lake County Board

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,066 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Lake County government provides a multitude of services and programs that protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its citizens in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, the theme of 2008 National County Government Week is "Protecting our Children."

WHEREAS, Lake County government services directly touch the lives of children and families including immunizations, pediatric care, screening for hearing and vision, children's resources, support and advocacy programs through the State Attorney's Office and Juvenile Justice Council, and more services.

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties first celebrated National County Government Week in 1991 to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by the nation's counties, especially in the protection and welfare of children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that we do hereby proclaim the week of April 6 - 12, 2008 as National County Government Week in Lake County, Illinois.

DATED, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois on this 8th day of April A.D., 2008.